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<p>REFERENCES: [ ] 8 December 1965, (para 3) FROB 0855, 18 January 1966, (para 3)</p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED: None; for your information</p> <p>1. After [ ] and we failed to find any cards on (fnu) BEISSNER German national, apparent DOB 1921 Alleged arms dealer in Tunisia, connected with Richard Ludwig Wilhelm CHRISTMANN</p> <p>[ ] wrote the following from memory:</p> <p>a. In the summer of 1962, [ ] offered to introduce [ ] to BEISSNER whom he described as a German arms dealer, deeply involved with one faction of the Provisional Algerian Government (GPRA), who had lost a leg when the "Red Hand" tried to blow up his car in Germany. [ ] said BEISSNER owned a villa across the street from Staff Agent [ ] villa in Gammarth. [ ] said that he had mentioned to BEISSNER that he had an American acquaintance whom he would like to introduce to him, and that BEISSNER was very receptive to the suggestion. On instructions from [ ] [ ] declined [ ] offer and he never met BEISSNER although [ ] renewed the invitation several times.</p>			
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<p>b. When [ ] [ ] reappeared briefly in the spring of 1965, [ ] asked him about</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Richard Ludwig Wilhelm *CHRISTMANN DPOB 12 November 1905, Montigny-les-Metz, German National, former Gestapo intel agent, Suspected arms smuggler, intelligence agent in in North Africa after World War II. Resided Tunis until autumn 1965 when moved Algiers. Arrested by Algerian Military Intelligence November 1965.</p> <p>[ ] [ ] replied that he did not know CHRISTMANN personally, but BEISSNER was acquainted with him and the two met frequently.</p> <p>c. Hans-Georg LANG, German shipping representative now in Alexandria, Egypt, mentioned BEISSNER in the spring of 1965 as an acquaintance of CHRISTMANN, and added that "people like CHRISTMANN and BEISSNER" have good reasons for not returning to Germany.</p> <p>d. [ ] [ ] mentioned BEISSNER on one or two occasions in 1965 as being a visitor to [ ] [ ]</p> <p>2. On 18 January 1966 [ ] [ ] asked [ ] [ ] about BEISSNER and was told the following: Doctor (sic) BEISSNER called on [ ] [ ] (iden) several times in late 1964 and early 1965. He arrived at [ ] [ ] office in an American car, driven by a blonde woman who may be his wife. The woman who spoke English waited in the reception room until BEISSNER finished his conversations with [ ] [ ] in the latter's office. [ ] [ ] never made any comments on the motive of BEISSNER's visits and no correspondence ensued. Sometime in the early summer, 1965, after a visit by BEISSNER, [ ] [ ] remarked, with some irritation, "Il n'est pas sérieux, ce BEISSNER", and [ ] [ ] believes that BEISSNER has not visited [ ] [ ] since. [ ] [ ] described BEISSNER as about 45 years old, and limps.</p> <p>3. On 19 January [ ] [ ] asked a German national employee of the Tunisian Government, Iden A of ATTA-4269, about BEISSNER and she said the following: Iden A of ATTA-4269 (hereafter referred to as Source) met BEISSNER in Tunis in 1959 through a Tunisian acquaintance, Cherif OKBI (or OKPI) whom BEISSNER had met in Germany when he had been a frequent caller at the Tunisian Embassy. BEISSNER made a most unpleasant impression on Source -- he was primitive, rude and ill-mannered. Source later learned that BEISSNER was an arms racketeer who had lost one leg in an attempt by a terrorist organization against his life in Germany. BEISSNER lived with a blonde German woman, probably his wife, who is known to have been unfaithful to BEISSNER, having had several brief affairs with Tunisians. BEISSNER seems to be well off; he owns a big American automobile and his blonde wife drives it. BEISSNER has been conspicuously absent from all German Embassy functions. He is probably still resident in Gammarth. Source considers BEISSNER a soldier of fortune (Landsknecht) and says he has the worst imaginable reputation in the German colony, "much worse even than CHRISTMANN's reputation."</p>		
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